

**Table 10**

**Environmental Considerations**

Physical Environment

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Air quality  
Water Resources  
Soils and Geology  
Wildlife  
Vegetation

Social and Cultural Environment

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Housing  
Neighborhoods  
Noise  
Educational Facilities  
Churches  
Parks and Recreational Facilities  
Public Health and Safety  
National Defense  
Aesthetics

Economic Environment

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Businesses  
Employment  
Economic Development  
Public Utilities  
Transportation Costs  
Capital Costs  
Operation and Maintenance Costs

Offsetting the benefits that would be derived from any project is the cost of its construction. A new facility, despite its high projected benefits, might prove to be unjustified due to the excessive costs involved in construction. The highway costs estimated in this report are based on the average statewide construction costs for similar project types. An estimate of anticipated right-of-way costs is also included.

Recommended priorities for construction and their estimated costs (in 1992 dollars) are listed in Appendix A, Table A1. Cost estimates for widening of roads to bring them up to AASHTO design standards (Table 8) are also given in Table A1. Priorities for these improvements should be continually monitored by the County and the Division Engineer so that as additional funds become available, they can be implemented.